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1. MALAYSIA

SENATE CONFIRMED 11 ENVOYS 5/25, INCLUDING ROBT MILLER AS
AMB TO MALAYSIA (UPI, WP; REUTER, NYT).

2. INDONESIA

"GARUDA" AIRLINES, FEARING POSSIBLE HIJACK ATTEMPTS ON ITS
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AIRCRAFT BY S MOLUCCAN REBELS, ANNOUNCED THURS THAT JAKARTA-
AMSTERDAM FLIGHT WILL TERMINATE AT FRANKFURT UNTIL MOLUCCAN
HOSTAGE DRAMA IN NORTHERN HOLLAND SETTLED (REUTER JAKARTA).

NYTS ANDLEMAN (AMBON) FINDS THERE WIDESPREAD FEARS OF
REPRISALS BY INDONESIANS FOR MOLUCCAN TERRORIST ACTS IN
HOLLAND.

3. CHINA

INTERNATIONAL WHEAT COUNCIL TENTATIVELY PREDICTS DECLINE IN WORLD WHEAT PRODUCTION, WITH CROP FORECAST OF BETW 390-410 MIL TONS, DOWN FROM '76'S 417 MIL TONS. COUNCIL'S SPECIAL SURVEY RE PRC GRAIN ECONOMY SAYS GRAIN OUTPUT RECENT YRS ENABLED PRC IMPROVE PEOPLE'S DIET/BUILD UP STOCKS/KEEP DOWN GRAIN IMPORTS. PREDICTS WHEAT PRODUCTION LIKELY KEEP PACE W/RISE IN CONSUMPTION BUT WHEAT IMPORTS UNLIKELY END IN NEAR FUTURE, SINCE PRC LACKS SUFFICIENT INVESTMENT IN LONG-DISTANT TRANSPORT CARRY SURPLUS WHEAT TO DEFICIT AREAS (AP LONDON, NYT).

4. CHINA/AUSTRALIA

AS PART OF PEKING ZOO/SYDNEY'S TORONGA PARK ZOO EXCHANGE PROGRAM, AUSTRALIA PRESENTED PRC WITH KANGAROO/WALLABIES/WOMBATS/KOOKABURRA THURS. LATER IN YR, AUSTRALIA TO RECEIVE COLLECTION RARE CHINESE FAUNA, INCLUDING RED PANDAS/ANTEATER/WILD DOG (REUTER PEKING).

5. AUSTRALIA

GOA GIVEN GO AHEAD FOR URANIUM MINING FOLLOWING RELEASE "FOX REPORT" ON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT URANIUM MINING. REPORT SAID MINING SHOULD BE ALLOWED ONLY UNDER STRICT GUIDELINES OUTLINED BY FINDINGS OF ROYAL COMMISSION (UPI JOC; WSJ; WP'S COSTIGAN, IN CANBERRA).
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FRASER LEFT MELBOURNE THURS FOR ONE-MONTH TOUR OF EUROPE/US, DURING WHICH HE WILL DISCUSS POSSIBLE URANIUM EXPORTS (REUTER MELBOURNE).

6. JAPAN

MANSFIELD SWORN IN 5/25 AS NEW AMB TO JAPAN. MONDALE SAID APPOINTMENT REFLECTED IMPORTANCE CARTER PLACES ON US-JAPAN RELS. AMB LEAVES FOR TOKYO 5/30 (REUTER 5/25).

USDA SEC BERGLAND TO VISIT JAPAN 6/5-8 BEFORE ATTENDING UN WORLD FOOD COUNCIL MTG IN MANILA. SEC EXPECTED MEET AGRIC MIN SUZUKI/FONMIN HATOGAMA (REUTER TOKYO).

SOVIET FON TRADE MIN ARRIVES TOKYO 5/26 FOR 1-WK VISIT TO SIGN 5-YR TRADE/PAYMENTS AGREEMENT W/JAPAN. VISIT SEEN AS PART GRADUAL THAW IN USSR-JAPAN RELS (REUTER TOKYO).

AT TOKYO NEWS CONF 5/25 BEFORE DEPARTING INTL MONETARY CONF, TREAS SEC BLUMENTHAL SAID "NATURAL AND NORMAL" FOR YEN TO PLAY WIDER ROLE IN INTL ECONOMY BECAUSE IT WAS BECOMING "INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT" AS WORLD CURRENCY (UPI, NYT). WELS (JOC TOKYO) REPORTS SEC URGED FURTHER APPRECIATION YEN IF JAPAN'S CURRENT ACCOUNT SURPLUS PERSISTS.

BLUMENTHAL HAS BEEN HAVING EXCHANGE VIEWS W/JAPANESE OFFICIALS/INSISTS THERE IS WIDE AGREEMENT THAT BOTH COUNTRIES SHOULD MAKE SPECIAL EFFORT HELP WORLD ECONOMY.
SPEAKING IN NJ 5/25, AMB TOGO TOLD 500 INTL FORN/DOMESTIC BUSINESS LEADERS THAT US MFRS NOT PAYING MUCH ATTENTION TO EXPORT POSSIBILITIES IN JAPANESE MARKET. URGED US MFRS EXPORT MORE; TERMED JAPAN "BIGGEST AND MOST PROMISING" FON MARKET FOR US EXPORTERS (ZARATE, JOC).

CULLISON (JOC TOKYO) REPORTS MITI APPEARS RELUCTANT PROPOSE TO WASHINGTON THAT GOVT-LEVEL CONSULTATIONS BEGIN TO PRE-UNCLASSIFIED

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VENT EXCESSIVE STEEL SHIPMENTS. MITI UNDER PRESSURE FROM JAPAN'S LEADING STEEL MILLS TO SEEK MTG IN ATTEMPT FORESTALL POSSIBLE USG MOVES TO COUNTER RISING IMPORTS JAPANESE STEEL PRODUCTS. SOURCES WITHIN MITI CLAIM IT WOULD BE IMPROPER FOR JAPAN ASK US FOR CONSULTATIONS ON ISSUE UNTIL AFTER CARTER ADMIN HAS FORMULATED OWN POLICY ON STEEL IMPORTS.

US STEEL CORP CHRMN SPEER SAYS NEW STUDY, SPONSORED BY AMER IRON/STEEL INSTITUTE, DOCUMENTS LONGSTANDING US STEEL INDUSTRY CLAIMS THAT JAPAN/EUR PRODUCERS SELL BELOW COST IN US TO KEEP OWN OPERATING RATES UP/UNEMPLOYMENT DOWN (ROWE, WP).

KEIDANREN SPOKESMEN SAY RESTRICTING STEEL EXPORTS WILL HURT BECAUSE THEY HAVE BEEN ACCOUNTING FOR INCREASING SHARE PRODUCTION; MOST RECENT FIGURES SHOW JAPAN EXPORTING 1/3 STEEL IT PRODUCES. GROWING AWARENESS THAT JAPAN'S STEEL MFRS MUST MAKE PEACE W/US, AND MOST LIKELY OUTCOME IS SOME FORM VOLUNTARY EXPORT RESTRAINTS (HORVAT, WP TOKYO).

JAPAN TRADE EXPERTS/EC OFFICIALS SCHEDULED MEET MID-JULY TO DISCUSS WAYS IN WHICH JAPANESE MARKET CAN BE OPENED MORE READILY TO W EUR'S MFRD PRODUCTS. DURING TOKYO PRESS CONF, EC COMMISSION VP SAID EUR NOT SATISFIED THAT JAPAN REALLY OPENED MARKETS SUFFICIENTLY/DOING SO WOULD BRING SIGNIFICANT REDUCTION IN PRESENT TRADE IM BALANCE (CULLISON).

LAT'S JAMESON (TOKYO 5/25) REPORTS ON JAPAN/USSR INITIALING INTERMIN FISHING AGREEMENT. NOTES JAPAN WILL BE FORCED EXTEND CURRENT DIET SESSION IN ORDER RATIFY TEMPORARY AGREEMENT; DIET APPROVAL EXPECTED EARLY JUNE.

KUWAIT LAUNCHES BOYCOTT CAMPAIGN AGAINST JAPANESE ELELCTRIC APPLIANCES MFRD UNDER AGREEMENT W/RCA, DUE RCA'S CLOSE UNCLASSIFIED

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TIES W/ISRAEL. BOYCOTTED FIRMS INCLUDE MATSUSHITA/HITACHI/NIPPON. GO TO ASSESS DAMAGE DONE BEFORE TAKING ANY ACTION (UPI, JOC).

7. THAILAND

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8. THAI/BURMA

IN JOC SPEC, LORENZ (AT THREE PAGODA PASS) SAYS ILLICIT MINING PROFITS ARMING BURMA REBELS. ANTIMONY BRINGS 1,000 DOLS TON IN BANGKOK, THEN EXPORTED TO WEST. KARENS PAID COMMISSIONS BY FORMER NATLIST GEN LEE PROVIDES TRUCKS FOR TRANSPORT OF MINERAL RICHES FROM THREE PAGODA PASS AREA/KARENS PROVIDE SECURITY. NO BURMESE GOVT PATROL NEAR PILOK CENTER FOR TIN/ORE MINING. CHECKPOINT CONTROLLED BY KARENS/THAI BORDER POLICE WHO ALSO EXTRACT UNCLASSIFIED

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SHARE COMMISSIONS. LORENZ DESCRIBES TRANSPORT ROUTE FROM BURMA-BANGKOK. ADDS ON BURMA BORDER EACH REBEL COMMAND ON OWN/WELCOMES INQUIRIES FROM POTENTIAL INVESTORS.

9. INDOCHINA

SEA-LAND SERVICES INC, OWNERS OF "MAYAGUEZ," SETTLED FOR 258,000 DOLS W/6 EX-CREW MEN OF SHIP AT TIME SEIZED BY CAMBODIA IN '75. FORMER CREWMEMBERS HAD SOUGHT 10 MIL DOLS DAMAGES (AP SAN FRANCISCO, NYT).

LAT'S GEORGE MCARTHUR, IN BANGKOK, REPORTS OFFICIAL SOURCES CONFIRM VIET POLICE RAIDED SIAGON'S AN QUANG PAGODA LAST

MONTH/ARRESTED NUMBER BUDDHIST MONKS. NO INFO RE PAGODA SPIRITUAL LEADER THICH TRI QUANG, WHO REPORTEDLY DISILLUSIONED W/NEW REGIME. SOME DOUBT REGIME WOULD JAIL HIM, THINK MORE LIKELY KEEP HIM ISOLATED BY SEALING OFF PAGODA.

OFFICIAL SOURCES SAY DAY AFTER RAID, POLICE WARNED BUDDHISTS IN PAGODA TO CEASE DISSIDENT ACTIVITIES/LAWBREAKERS WOULD BE ARRESTED. SOME AN QUANG MILITANTS SAID TO CALL FOR FURTHER PROTESTS BY IMMOLATION (5/25).

10. KOREA

MORITZ (CSM SEOUL) REPORTS PRES PARK MET 3 HRS 5/25 W/HABIB/BROWN, WHO REASSURED HIM W/DRAWAL WILL BE CONDUCTED GRADUALLY/CAREFULLY SO NOT UPSET MIL BALANCE; AIR COVER WILL REMAIN; US WILL SUPPORT SK MIL BUILDUP TO COMPENSATE FOR W/DRAWAL. ADDS PARK REPEATED CONCERN OVER W/DRAWAL, BUT RECOGNIZED US INTENTION. KAMM (NYT SEOUL) SAYS PARK RELUCTANTLY ACCEPTED US PULLOUT AS INEVITABLE/URGED US TAKE "COMPENSATORY MEASURES OVER 4-5 YR PERIOD.

SAAR (WP SEOUL) QUOTES SOURCES THAT US-SK CONSULTATIONS CONSTRUCTIVE/FRANK/FRIENDLY. NOTES US REAFFIRMED DETER-UNCLASSIFIED

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MINATION FULFILL TREATY COMMITMENT DEFEND SK. ADDS US OFFICIALS GAVE NO CLUE HOW UPGRADING SK FORCES WILL BE DONE/AT WHAT COST. STATES ROKG ACCEPTED US INTENTION PULL OUT TROOPS/WANTED MOVE ON TO CONSIDERATION INCREASING DEFENSIVE STRENGTH AS W/DRAWAL PROGRESSES. COMMENTS TALKS PORTRAYED AS CONSULTATIONS BUT W/DRAWAL DECISION GIVEN SK AS FLAT/NON-NEGOTIABLE US INTENT. REUTER SEOUL REPORTS US ENVOYS THURS DISCUSSED WA'S COMPENSATE SK FOR PLANNED PULLOUT, INCL SUPPORT FOR BUILDUP SK ARMED FORCES. ADDS HABIB/BROWN GO TOKYO FRI FOR SIMILAR CONSULTATIONS W/GOJ.

PARK SAYS DIDN'T WELCOME PULLOUT, BUT WILL ACCEPT "ESTABLISHED" US POLICY (AP SUN, NYDN). FORMER ROKG PRES YUN PO-SUN STATES AGREES W/SINGLAUB THAT W/DRAWAL WILL LEAD TO INVASION BY NK. SEOUL PAPERS REPORT DEPARTURE US 2ND DIV WILL NOT BEGIN FOR AT LEAST YR WHILE US/SK STUDY NK REACTION (AP, SUN).

SAAR QUOTES SOURCES THAT HUMAN RTS QUESTION DID NOT ARISE; BUT AFTER LEAVING BLUE HOUSE, HABIB MET AT US AMB'S RESIDENCE W/KIM KWAN SUK, SEC GEN OF KOREAN NATL COUNCIL CHURCHES/LEADING HUMAN RTS CAMPAIGNER. KIM SAID WARNED HABIB US TROOP W/DRAWAL COULD ENCOURAGE NK AGGRESSION. KAMM REPORTS HABIB'S MTG W/KIM, NOTES AT LEAST 2 OTHER DISSIDENTS INVITED TO AMB SNEIDER'S RECEPTION FOR HABIB/BROWN; ADDS INVITATIONS CRITICIZED IN LOCAL PAPERS W/HINT "POSSIBLE DIPLOMATIC RETALIATION" VS SNEIDER, THO IN-

FORMED SOURCES DOUBT WILL BE ANY MOVE. AMEMBASSY SPOKESMAN SAYS INVITATION LIST REFLECTS HABIB'S WIDE RANGE ACQUAINTENCES IN SK.

GEN SINGLAUB TOLD STRATTON SUBCMTE 5/25 DID NOT INTEND TAKE ISSUE W/STATED NATL SECURITY POLICY (UPI PIC CAPTION, SUN); BUT IN BLUNT STATEMENT BERSONAL VIEWS TOLD SUBCMTE PHASED US TROOP PULLOUT WILL LEAD TO WAR/EVERY HI-RANKING US/SK MIL OFFICER HE KNEW PRIVATELY HOLDS SAME VIEW (CA- UNCLASSIFIED

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HILL, NYDN). SINGLAUB STICKS TO GUNS IN SUBCMTE TESTIMONY. ADDS REGRETS "NAIVENESS" ABOUT PRESS RELS GENERATED SITUATION/DISTRESSED PRES CARTER (FULLER, CHITRIB). SINGLAUB TELLS CMTE LATEST INTELL SHOWS GREATER NK MIL EXPANSION THAN PREVIOUSLY KNOWN; INDICATES US AMB AT SEOUL/SEVERAL MIL MEN CHANGED VIEWS ON WISDOM PULLOUT IN VIEW INTELL ESTIMATES SHOWING NK EXPANSION IN TANKS/ARTILLERY/PLANES/SHIPS/OTHER ARMS. SUBCMTE GENERALLY SYMPATHETIC TO SINGLAUB/PRAISED HIM (CORDDRY, SUN).

SOUTHERLAND (CSM) REVIEWS SINGLAUB'S APPEARANCE BEFORE CMTE, QUOTES CONGRESSIONAL SOURCES THAT COMMENTS PROBABLY WOULDN'T LEAD TO MAJOR CONTROVERSY/DEBATE. ADDS PULLOUT PLAN ENCOUNTERED OPPOSITION FROM US MIL IN FIELD/SK/JAPAN. WEINRAUB (NYT) NOTES SINGLAUB REITERATES BELIEF IN CONCEPT CIVILIAN CONTROL OF MIL. REVIEWS TESTIMONY, INCL GEN'S OPINION W/DRAWAL WOULD BE MISTAKE/LEAD TO WAR; STATEMENT RECENT INTELL INDICATES NK INCREASED TANK FORCE FROM 500 TO 2000/STEADILY INCREASED SHIPS/PLANES/BUILT TUNNELS UNDER DMZ. WILSON (WP) SEES HOUSE ARMED SERVICES SUBCMTE BEGINNING "FRONTAL ASSAULT" ON PRES' KOREA POLICY BY CALLING SINGLAUB TO TESTIFY. QUOTES REP STRATTON (D-NY) THAT JOINT CHIEFS WILL BE CALLED NEXT TO DISCUSS KOREA. ADDS GROWING NUMBER SENATE LEADERS BEGINNING EXPRESS PERSONAL DOUBTS RE CARTER PLAN, PORTENDING FRESH FOPOL FIGHT FOR PRES.

AMNESTY INTL URGES SEOUL RELEASE OVER 100 CIVIL LIBERTIES ACTIVISTS REPORTEDLY ARRESTED IN PAST 6 WKS (REUTER LONDON).

JACKSON (LAT 5/25) REPORTS REP COCHRAN (R-MISS) OF HOUSE ETHICS CMTE ACKNOWLEDGED HAD ACCEPTED ALL-EXPENSES-PAID TRIP TO SK/TAIWAN 2 YRS AGO. BABCOCK (WP) SAYS HOUSE ETHICS CMTE SUBPOENAING SEVERAL FORMER CONGRESSMEN, INCL LA GOV EDWARDS, TO ANSWER QUESTIONS RE GIFTS/CASH THEY RECEIVED FROM ROKG WHILE IN CONGRESS. SEES CMTE'S ACTION UNCLASSIFIED

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INDICATING QUICKENING PACE INQUIRY.

FOSTER-WHEELER TO BUILD FUEL-LUBE REFINERY FOR KOREA-IRAN
PETROLEUM CO AT ONSAN, 40 MI N PUSAN. PLANT VALUED AT
OVER 150 MIL DOLS (JOC SPEC).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

11. KOREA

ON SINGLAUB AFFAIR, CHITRIB (5/25) STATES WHILE PRES MAY HAVE OVERREACTION, "HE WAS BEHAVING PROPERLY" AS CMDR-IN-CHIEF. REMARKS GEN NOT 1ST MIL MAN BE FIRED FOR SPEAKING WHAT HE BELIEVED TO BE TRUTH/HOPES HE WILL NOT BE LAST "DEDICATED ENOUGH TO TAKE THAT RISK."

BUCHANAN (CHITRIB, NYDN) BELIEVES GEN "MERITS HIS COUNTRY-MEN'S ADMIRATION AND RESPECT" IN RISKING CAREER TO WARN WHAT HE BELIEVES IS DANGEROUS POLICY. ACCUSES PRES OF "SPINELESSNESS" IN ORDERING GEN HOME WHILE "INDULGING THE CONTINUING IDIOCIES AND INSUBORDINATIONS" OF UN AMB YOUNG.

HARSCH (CSM) SAYS STATISTICS SUPPORT CARTER'S CONTENTION THAT SK ABLE DEFEND ITSELF AFTER US WITHDRAWAL, BUT MAIN STAKE IS JAPAN'S SECURITY. HOWEVER, UNTIL TIME COMES WHEN JAPAN ABLE TAKE OVER SUPPORT OF SKOREANS, US MUST STAND AS PROTECTOR/GUARANTOR SK SECURITY. BELIEVES WOULD BE "FOOLISH" WITHDRAW TROOPS IF ANY REASON THINK PEKING WANTED ANOTHER KOREAN WAR; SAYS SEEMS "REASONABLE DEDUCTION" THAT CARTER RECEIVED ASSURANCES FROM CHINESE "WHICH WOULD MAKE THE WITHDRAWAL SAFE."

CSM'S DILLIN ENUMERATES SEVERAL FACTORS CITED BY ANALYSTS THAT MUST BE CAREFULLY CONSIDERED BEFORE PULLOUT. ANALYSTS CONCLUDE, HOWEVER, THAT EVEN AFTER PULLOUT, MIL BALANCE UNCLASSIFIED

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"SHOULD REMAIN ROUGHLY EVEN" BETW NK/SK. STATES SENTIMENT FOR WITHDRAWAL GROWING IN WASHINGTON; US'S GREATEST MIL CHALLENGE SEEMS BE IN EUR, WHERE SOVIET STRENGTH HAS RISEN DRAMATICALLY.

WP CARRIES 2 LETTERS ON SINGLAUB AFFAIR, ONE FROM RETIRED ARMY COL/2ND FROM CATHOLIC UNIV ASST PROF IN POLITICS. BOTH URGE PAYING GREATER ATTENTION TO KNOWLEDGEABLE/EXPERIENCED MIL MEN, LIKE SINGLAUB, WHO HAVE MORE PROFESSIONAL JUDGMENT THAN ELECTED OFFICIALS ON MIL MATTERS.

12. CHINA

ACCORDING LOU HARRIS SURVEY, PRES CARTER STILL RECEIVES HIGH MARKS FROM AMERICAN PEOPLE, BUT RUNNING INTO TROUBLE

KEY ISSUES ECON AT HOME/HANDLING RELS W/SOVS ABROAD. CARTER SCORE ON HANDLING RELS WITH PRC SAID NO BETTER THAN 36-38 PCT POSITIVE (CHITRIB).

13. VIETNAM

IN CSM SPEC, BROWNING (PARIS) SAYS 2ND ROUND US-VIET TALKS SET FOR 6/2 MAY BE TOUGHER/DIFFICULT/DECISIVE. THORNY AID ISSUE STILL TO BE RESOLVED, AS VIETS SEEM TO HAVE SWITCHED FROM CONCILIATORY ATTITUDE TOWARD NEW ADMIN TO LAUNCHING OF SHARP MEDIA ATTACKS ON US. OPINES VIET SWITCH COULD BE TACTICAL POSITION OR START NEW HARDENING IN US-SRV RELS. ADDITIONAL, CONGRESSIONAL OPPOSITION US OFFERING VN AID COULD LEAD TO DEADLOCK. BROWNING NOTES VIETS ALSO STIFFENED POSITION RE MIAS, STRESSING FULL ACCOUNTING ONLY AFTER AID AGREEMENT.

14. ASEAN

LORENZ (CSM KL) LOOKS OVER ORGANIZATION'S HISTORY, SAYS HAS BEGUN SHIFT FROM EVOCATIONS POTENTIAL TO SIGNS LIMITED UNCLASSIFIED

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ACHIEVEMENT; BUT RECENT EVENTS HAVE STEERED IT TOWARD MORE SECURITY-ORIENTED POSTURE. REVIEWS ECON POTENTIAL 5 MEMBER NATIONS; SAYS DUE RED TAPE/NEED AGREE ON EQUITY PARTICIPATION, NOTHING DONE ON 4 INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS PLANNED FOLLOWING 1976 BALI CONF. NOTES HANOI REFERS TO ASEAN AS "SEATO IN DISGUISE." OPINES WHETHER ASEAN REMAINS TRUE TO PROCLAIMED ECON/SOCIAL GOALS/NOT BECOME VEHICLE FOR NEW MIL PACT TO COUNTERACT "DOMINO THEORY" WILL PROBABLY BE TEST OF SURVIVAL.

15. NORTHERN MARIANAS

GIBSON (CSM SAIPAN) REVIEWS SITUATION OF ISLANDERS ABOUT BECOME NEWEST AMERICANS. POINTS OUT NEW CONSTITUTION THAT MAY NOT LEGALLY CONFLICT W/US CONSTITUTION, BUT INTENDS PRESERVE SOME RTS FOR MARIANAS RESIDENTS WHILE DENYING THOSE RTS TO OTHER AMCITS; PRINCIPAL CONTROVERSY LIKELY DEVELOP OVER CLAUSE AIMED AT KEEPING LAND IN HANDS MARIANAS RESIDENTS. GIVES REASONS FOR CLAUSE; CONSIDERS CONFLICT W/"EQUAL PROTECTION" PRINCIPLE. VANCE

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